

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary  
Sanctuary Advisory Council Retreat  
UCSB, Santa Cruz Island Natural Reserve  
**Summary of SAC/Sanctuary Performance Comments**  
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- Wearing sanctuary t-shirts may contribute to group cohesion. (C. Taylor)
- What are the issues the SAC could help staff with? Echo Bob Warner's idea of bringing issues to the SAC that the sanctuary has yet to determine how to approach. (J. Brye)
- SAC members could all do better with outreach. The new "Protecting the Channel Islands" brochure could be valuable in inspiring SAC members to get into the community. (J. Brye)
- Focus of the sanctuary and staff has seen great improvement over the last few years; they are no longer trying to do everything for everyone. (J. Brye)
- Despite the concentrated effort of a few SAC and staff members the Business Working Group has been a challenge. (M. Hanrahan)
- Encourage more outside speakers to come to give presentations: an opportunity to be exposed to experts. Suggestions for speakers include: commercial fishermen from the SAC (what is their fishery, what gear do they use, what are the economics of their fishery), concessionaires such as Island Packers and Sea Landing (what are their observations of sanctuary health and impacts from increased population growth and use), graduate students from UCSB (learn about science going on in sanctuary waters). (M. Hanrahan)
- A small group could go to a small business, meeting such as a Rotary Club meeting, to present reasons as to why they should participate. (C. Mobley)
- Agree with idea of fishing presentations if have several fishermen representing different fisheries. (D. Brumbaugh)
- It would be interesting to get a reading on the impacts of MPAs on businesses. (C. Taylor)
- Everyone feels heard [on the SAC]. Like M. Hanrahan's suggestions. (J. Luzader)
- Perhaps the US Coast Guard could help us understand their role. (M. Murray) [J. Luzader agreed that the US Coast Guard could give a presentation.]
- Sense a lull others have talked about, especially for research seats since the MRWG process and science panel have finished. (D. Brumbaugh)
- When I joined the SAC I was willing to be more involved than I have been, so if I can help more let me know. (D. Brumbaugh)
- The Sanctuary Advisory Council and the Sanctuary may benefit from a standing science panel. (D. Brumbaugh)
- The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has SiMON, a methodical approach to catalog data. Channel Islands tracks data but we need to take it to the next level. Sarah Fangman cannot do this by herself. A science panel could help us and encourage data sharing. (C. Mobley)
- There is a group that has met twice per year for twenty years: the Channel Islands Marine Science Committee. The sanctuary has participated in the past, but not regularly. (G. Davis)
- One of the goals for all national marine sanctuaries is to maintain data sets for people. Charlie Alexander is interested in facilitating that here. (C. Mobley)
- MMS brought funds for a regional analysis of intertidal trends; there is room for the sanctuary to do subtidal work, bring all data sets together, and identify data gaps. (G. Davis)

- Originally we had exciting opportunities with the marine reserves process. Now the task has become more mundane. We need to focus on the long view and consider attrition. During this lull we may want to realign what the SAC wants to be involved in based on what the sanctuary wants to do. (M. Cahn)
- The sanctuary is a national resource, from a regional perspective, not a Santa Barbara or Santa Barbara/Ventura resource. There must be a way to bring other users into the process. To an extent we can improve the regional, state, western, and national focus. One idea is to take geography into consideration during SAC participation, and bring in people from other areas. Another is to sponsor an annual or biennial event, perhaps a conference. This would enable a review of the broader constituent base, and of their role/responsibilities. (M. Cahn)
- Bringing a national perspective could be achieved by involving the MPA Science Center, for example bringing Charlie Wahle to the SAC to present. (D. Brumbaugh)
- Consider the US Commission on Ocean Policy report: congressional review process, request for new ocean policies. This will raise public awareness, ideally to spark dialogue about ocean management. There is an opportunity for the sanctuary to have an extra layer of focus. (G. Helms)
- We can talk to Matt Stout about how the National Marine Sanctuary Program is planning to respond to the US Commission on Ocean Policy report, and perhaps have a forum to discuss implications for sanctuaries. (C. Mobley)
- Regarding national outreach, all sanctuaries are different but face similar issues. Perhaps someone can summarize the status for each issue, share issues with other SACs, and learn about the creative responses developed at other sanctuaries. (C. Taylor)
- We can look at listservs for clusters of groups from across the country. (C. Mobley)
- Issues and challenges can be raised at the annual SAC Chairs meeting, to be held in February in Savannah, Georgia. (M. Murray)
- Agree that this works better now than it did in the beginning. Recognize that this is a new endeavor and that it is rare for a federal agency to have an advisory council. The very idea of groups of citizens advising a federal agency is really a new concept. It is important to learn how to ask the right questions. Big questions may have overwhelmed us, e.g. marine reserves and the management plan. The SET piece on marine reserves education was more comfortable. The SAC should help staff develop the right questions. (G. Davis)
- Should we have a Research Advisory Panel? (D. Brumbaugh) Yes. They could ask the right questions for marine reserves: short-term, mid-term, long-term. (G. Davis)
- A challenge of the marine reserves DEIS is that those preparations need to clearly articulate a monitoring and management scheme. We need measurable performance criteria. We will draft a schedule but it is good to engage a group like a RAP. (C. Mobley)
- Some NCEAS researchers are working on this. (D. Brumbaugh)
- It is important to think about criteria for determining when issues are ripe to be addressed by the SAC. (M. Murray)
- In the National Park Service working with councils is very rare, but I have had some experience being involved in a commission on subsistence issues. A national perspective and working these values known to local constituents is important. (R. Galipeau)
- Want to hear from all user groups at meetings, not just fishermen. (R. Galipeau)
- How do we link with other SACs, not just chairs? Maybe we can link our experiences to other parks/sanctuaries. (R. Galipeau) Any issue the park is dealing with in the marine realm

is also a sanctuary issue so we can address these together. (M. Murray) We could discuss items on the Fish and Game Commission agenda: do they have implications for the park/sanctuary (e.g. LNG)? (R. Galipeau)

- Think about temporary exhibits that demonstrate why we do science. (R. Galipeau)
- This is a great opportunity to do scoping, or build a vision down the line. We could ask about co-management ideas. (R. Galipeau)
- The SET members are advisors to advisors. There is some confusion/concern as to role of working groups. To re-energize the SET we would want to be more action-oriented, and actively address issues with staff. We need to figure out who wants to develop a dialogue, e.g. with the media. (C. Taylor)
- CWG issues could apply to other SACs. Look for a niche with cutting edge issues where we can act as a model for other SACs on that issue. (C. Taylor)
- CWG members are grass roots advocates who don't ask questions about whose issue something is. There are ideas/questions that need to be addressed and they look for ways to answer those questions. There will be a continuing series of questions around the country on similar issues. There may be a role for a SAC-wide ambassadorship on issues. Collectively we have many answers to questions. (G. Helms)
- We should develop a chronological log, and a cheat sheet for acronyms. (R. Galipeau) We keep a record of decisions. (M. Murray)
- We should hold a half-day [orientation] session for new members. (R. Galipeau)

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